

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2006. In view of the foregoing amendments and following representations, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are submitted herewith. Note that drawing Figs. 1-2 are now labeled "prior art" as per the Examiner's requirement. As acknowledged by the Examiner, labeling these figures prior art is not an admission that the wheels illustrated therein qualify as prior art against the present invention under 35 U.S.C. 102. The specification has been amended to conform to the corrected drawing figures.

Further, paragraph [0003] of the specification has been amended to replace "a normal rim aluminum wheel" with --a known aluminum wheel-- thereby employing generic terminology as required by the Examiner. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the term "conventional" or "standard" is preferable, then Applicant authorizes the Examiner to amend the specification to effect such change.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the present application is now clearly in condition for allowance. The Examiner therefore is requested to pass this case to issue.

In the event that the Examiner has any comments or suggestions of a nature necessary to place this case in condition for allowance, then the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney by telephone to promptly resolve any remaining matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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